Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

GOVERNMENT STONEWARE WORKS—OUTPUT AND SALE.

371. Mr. N. Govinda Pai (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the output of the Government Stoneware works for the years 1111, 1112 and 1113;

(*b*) what portion of it has been sold in the Cochin and Travancore States for the above three years respectively?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

		1st class. lbs.	*2nd class.* lbs.
(*a*) Output in	1111	6,12,540¼	71,980
,,	1112	8,98,691	1,06,375
,,	1113	9,00,581	1,08,931⅛

(*b*) Government do not consider it necessary to give the figures.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai (*Nominated*): May I know why the Government do not consider it necessary to give the figures?

Mr. President: Because we do not want to give information to our competitors how much we are selling.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Is it working on a profit?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): There was a profit last year.

Mr. President: Paper profit.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): May I have an idea of the quantity sold in Cochin and outside?

Mr. President: It is not advisable to give the figures.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): Are there different prices for Cochin and outsiders?

Mr. President: They are trying to sell the jars at the best price.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): I am told that some of the articles are sold in Calcutta for a lower price than here. I wish to know whether the price is the same?

Mr. President: At Coimbatore cement factory, cement is sold at Rs. 42 per ton but in Cochin you can get it for Rs. 36.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Cheruthuruthi*): In case we are unable to make a profit, we shall at least have the public use it for a lower price.

Mr. President: This question is just now engaging my attention and I have passed an order yesterday. Government are not satisfied with the present working of the potteries. In fact the sales have gone down during the last few months and the stocks have accumulated. If these stocks are sold at the current market value, there will be considerable loss. Government are seriously considering what is to be done with the potteries.

Mr. T. K. Nayar (*Pazhayannur*): Is the sale being conducted by the Government?

Mr. President: Through private agencies.

IMPORT OF UNCOUPONED RUBBER FROM BURMA.

372. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

Whether they have received any final decision of the Government of India about their requests to that Government to stop the import of uncouponed Rubber from Burma?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No.

When the answer was prepared no reply was received. We have since received a reply from the Goverment of India. It is not favourable, in view of the Indo-Burma trade agreement of 1937. The Government of Cochin propose to address the Government of India again on this matter to introduce restriction on the import of unlicensed rubber from Burma, because the period of the agreement will expire by the 31st March 1940. Just after that the Government of India will be free to act as they please. The idea is to address the Government of India again.

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): Are the Government aware that notice has to be given by the end of March?

Mr. President: We are asking the Government of India to take steps to terminate the Indo-Burma trade agreement after March 1940 and stop the import of rubber from Burma, and we have definitely told them that we are not placing the rubber restriction scheme permanently on the Statute Book till then. That is why we are extending this restriction only until further orders. This Government will have to consider the question of breaking away from the restriction scheme if the Government of India does not satisfy us.

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